

The EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

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EEA Agreement – Art 115-117

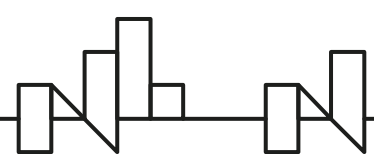
... the Contracting Parties... agree on the **need to reduce the economic and social disparities** between their regions...

Protocol 38c

The EEA/EFTA States “shall contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to the strengthening of their relations with the Beneficiary States”



**Reduce
economic
and social
disparities
and
strengthen
bilateral
relations**



We work through funding periods

2004-2009 = €1.3 billion
2009-2014 = €1.8 billion
2014-2021 = €2.8 billion

Support by country 2014-21

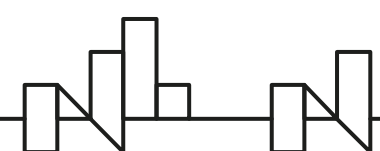
3 donor countries
15 beneficiary countries

EEA Grants

€1,5 billion financed by
Iceland, Liechtenstein and
Norway

Norway Grants

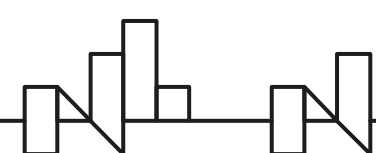
€1,3 billion financed by
Norway



Beneficiary countries (€ million) 2014-2021

Country	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Bulgaria	€115.0	€95.1	€210.1
Croatia	€56.8	€46.6	€103.4
Cyprus	€6.4	€5.1	€11.5
Czech Republic	€95.5	€89.0	€184.5
Estonia	€32.3	€35.7	€68.0
Greece	€116.7	-	€116.7
Hungary	€108.9	€105.7	€214.6
Latvia	€50.2	€51.9	€102.1
Lithuania	€56.2	€61.4	€117.6
Malta	€4.4	€3.6	€8.0
Poland	€397.8	€411.5	€809.3
Portugal	€102.7	-	€102.7
Romania	€275.2	€227.3	€502.5
Slovakia	€54.9	€58.2	€113.1
Slovenia	€19.9	€17.8	€37.7
Regional Funds	€55.2	€44.8	€100.0
Total	€1 548.1*	€1 253.7	€2 801.8

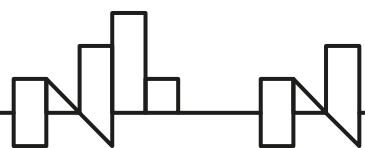
*The EEA Grants are jointly financed by all three donors, where contributions are based on their GDP. The estimated share of contributions equates to: Norway (96%), Iceland (3%) and Liechtenstein (1%).



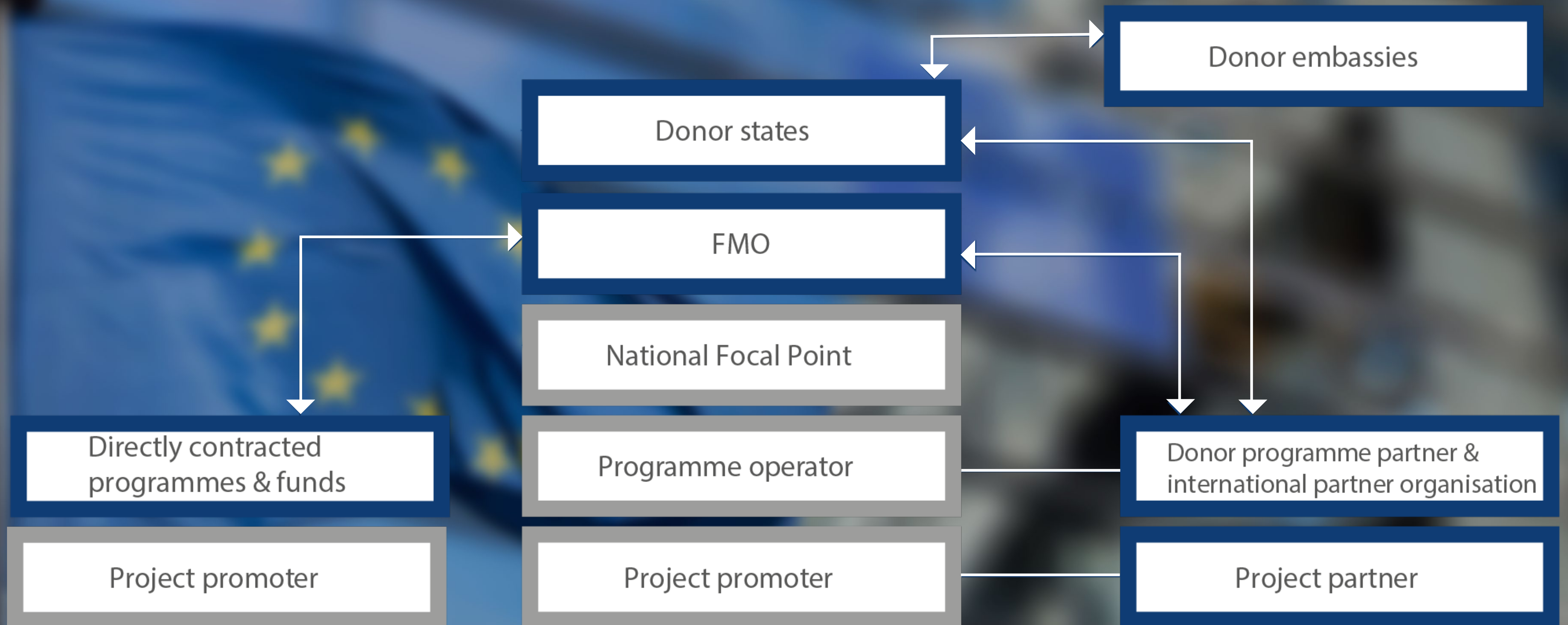
Grant cycle

Negotiations on political
priorities between
donor and beneficiary
states

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Organisational set-up

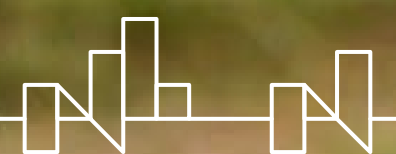


Some characteristics

- Results oriented
- Donor partners involved at programme and project levels
- Support to civil society independent of Beneficiary States' governments



What is funded?



PRIORITY SECTORS AND PROGRAMME AREAS EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS 2014 – 2021

Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness

1. Business Development, Innovation and SMEs
2. Research
3. Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship
4. Work-life Balance
5. Social Dialogue – Decent Work (Norway Grants)

Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction

6. European Public Health Challenges
7. Roma Inclusion and Empowerment
8. Children and Youth at Risk
9. Youth Participation in the Labour Market
10. Local Development and Poverty Reduction

Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy

11. Environment and Ecosystems
12. Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security
13. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

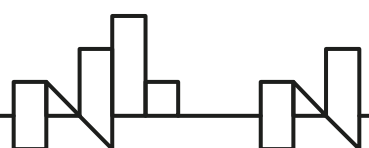
Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

14. Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation
15. Civil Society
16. Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency
17. Human Rights – National Implementation

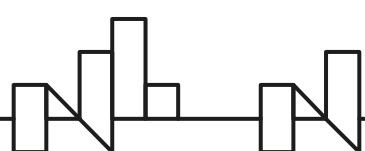
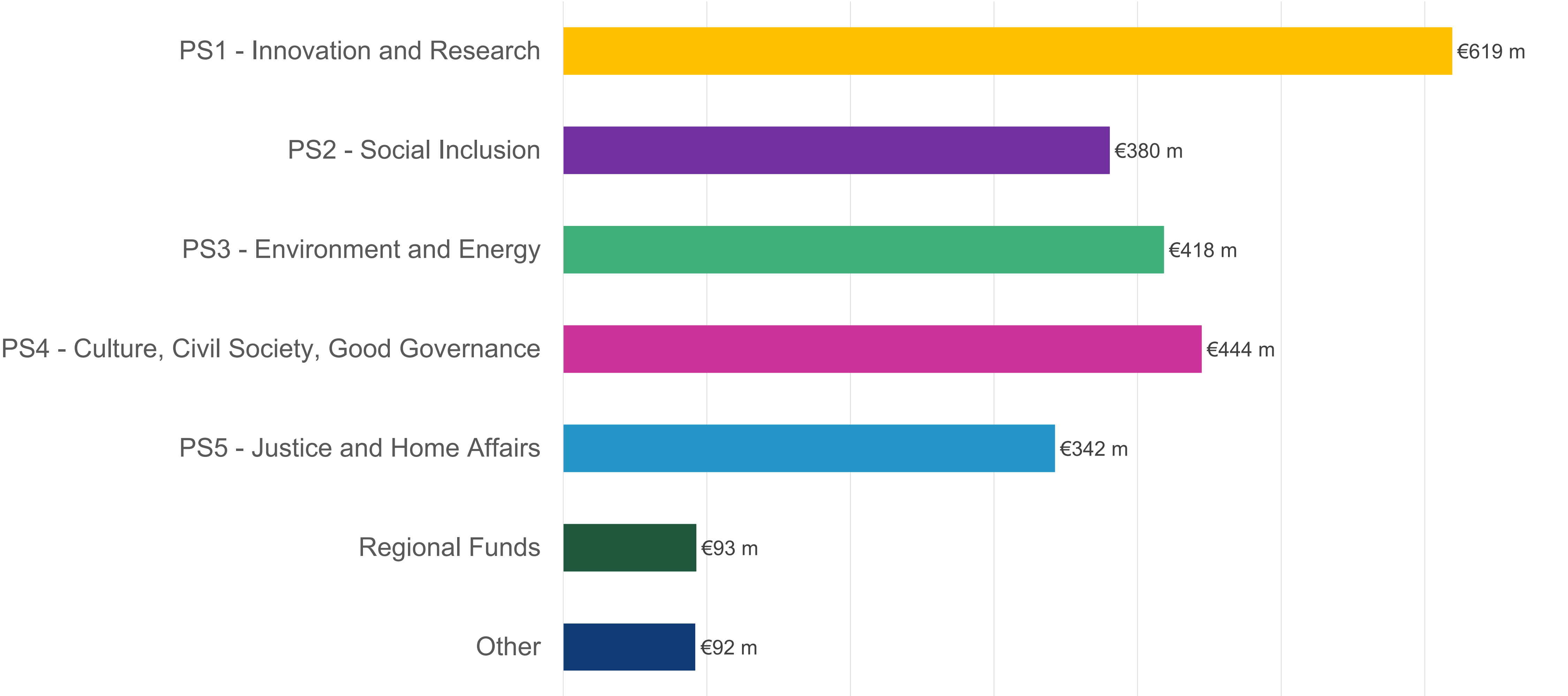
Justice and Home Affairs

18. Asylum and Migration
19. Correctional Services and Pre-trial Detention
20. International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime
21. Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Judicial System, Strengthening Rule of Law
22. Domestic and Gender-based Violence
23. Disaster Prevention and Preparedness

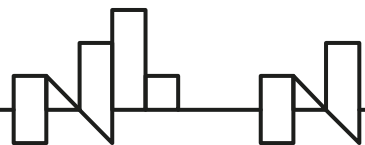
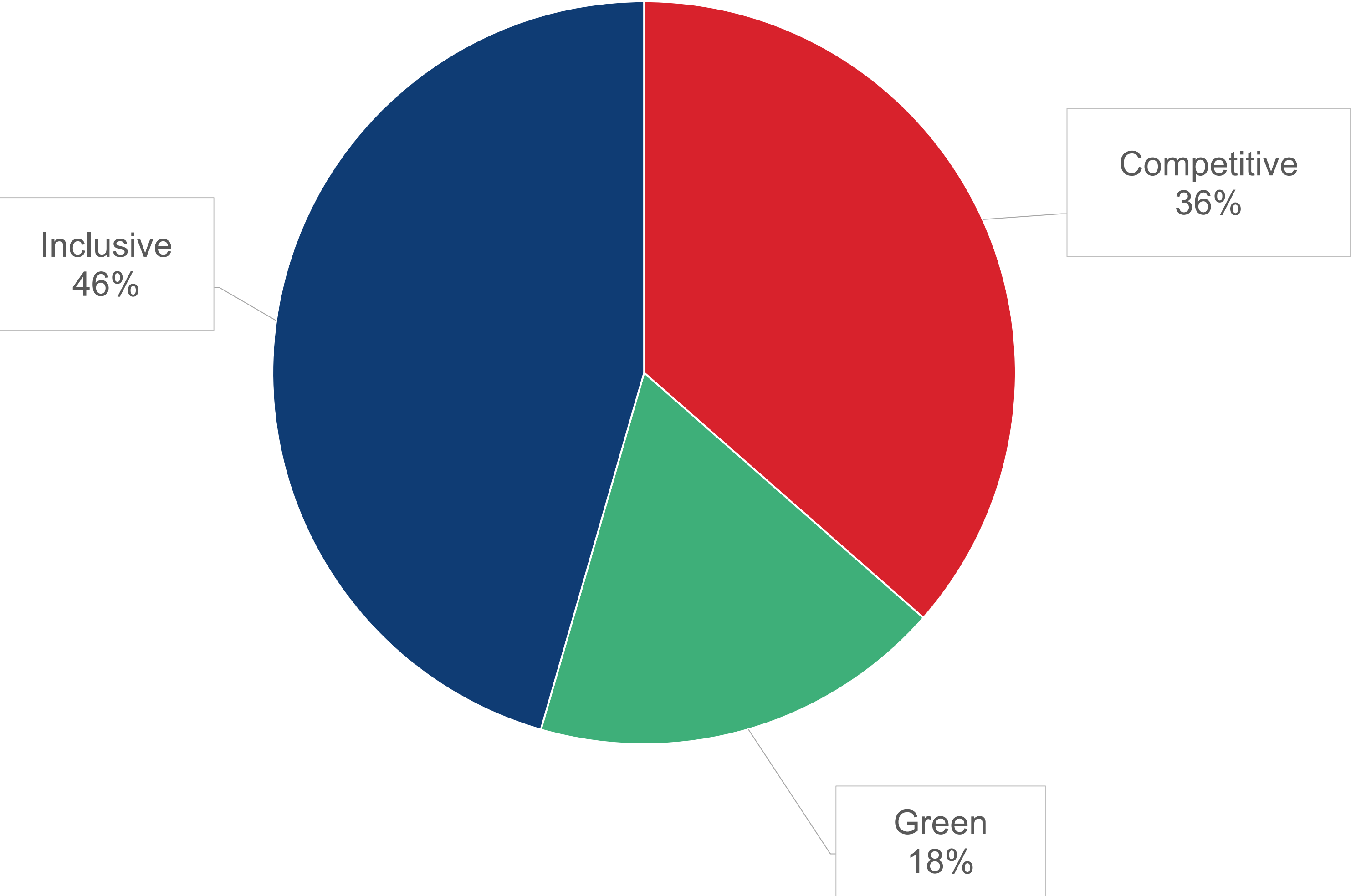
**Priority sectors and
programme areas**
2014-2021



Programme and fund allocations per sector/theme

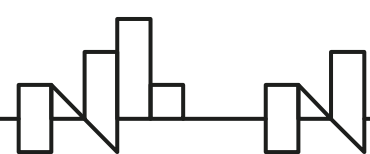


Together for a **green**, **competitive** and **inclusive** Europe



Green

	EEA and Norway Grants	
Planned result		Target (30 April 2024)
Estimated annual CO ₂ emissions reductions (tons)		1 077 280 (623 000 cars)
Energy produced from renewable energy sources (MWh/year)		136 064 (8 000 households)
Estimated energy savings (Mwh/year)		865 418 (31 000 households)
Number of habitats with improved ecological status		47



Solar energy for sustainable furniture production

Renewable energy produced

Project example

Project

RO-ENERGY-0004

Where

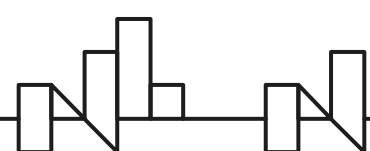
Șimleu Silvanie, Romania

Results

- 51 kWh solar energy produced
- 35 tons of CO2 emissions reduced
- 3 new jobs created

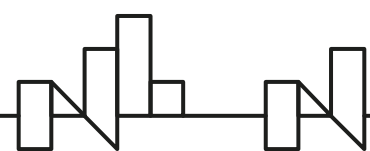
Project grant

€237 000



Competitive

	EEA and Norway Grants	
Planned result		Target (30 April 2024)
Number of SMEs supported		884
Number of researchers supported		2 238
Number of jobs created		5 159
Number of new products/processes applied		461
Number of professional staff trained		29 911



New technology applied

Longer-lasting tyres at lower prices

Project example

Project

BG-INNOVATION-0004

Where

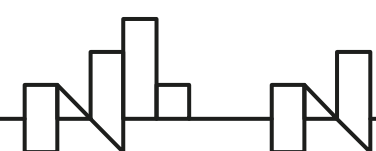
Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

Planned results

- A production line for re-treading heavyweight industrial tires using clean technology
- 4 new jobs

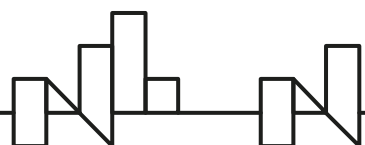
Project grant

€700 000



Inclusive

	EEA and Norway Grants	
Planned result		Target (30 April 2024)
Number of civil society organisations funded		4 444
Number of people engaged in civil society organisation activities		384 680
Number of Roma reached by empowerment measures		16 650
Number of beneficiaries of services provided or improved		250 415
Number of national policies and laws influenced		322



Roma empowered

Decent housing and social services

Project example

Project

RO-LOCALDEV-0006

Where

Cluj, Romania

Planned results

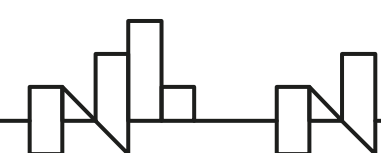
- Social housing for 34 families
- Social services for 840 at-risk children and youth
- Greater acceptance by non-Roma

Project grant

€4 271 498

Donor partner

City of Bergen



The Grants and the Sustainable Development Goals

Good health & well-being

8 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 92 593 866

Quality education

9 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 94 051 650

Gender equality

5 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 20 290 246

Affordable & clean energy

7 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 212 467 560

Decent work & economic growth

13 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 200 120 774

Industry, innovation & infrastructure

17 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 497 478 784

Reduced inequalities

34 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 243 431 867

Sustainable cities & communities

16 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 174 187 216

Responsible consumption & production

7 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 43 820 372

Climate action

12 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 81 358 183

Life below water

6 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 19 341 733

Life on land

6 programmes

with a total allocation of
€ 36 219 888

Peace, justice & strong institutions

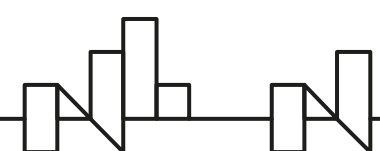
118 programmes*

with a total allocation of
€ 483 981 428

Partnership for the goals

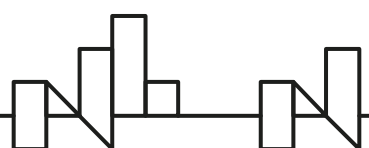
36 programmes*

with a total allocation of
€ 184 351 564



Next funding period

- **Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and EU agree on continued need to reduce economic and social disparities in the EEA**
- **Negotiations on a next funding period started in June 2022**
 - **Green Deal**
 - **Democracy, rule of law, human rights**
 - **Resilience**



Thank you



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[www.eeagrants.org](https://eeagrants.org)

Useful links

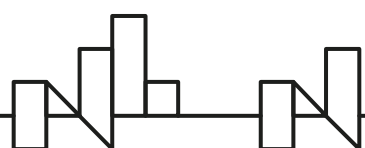
The Grants' website: <https://eeagrants.org>, where you can find *i.a.*:

The [Blue Book](#)

[The Regulations](#)

[Other resources](#) (factsheets, evaluations, annual reports)

[Data and results portal](#)



Data and results portal

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Iceland
Liechtenstein
Norway grants

Norway grants

2014-2021

2009-2014

COMPARE

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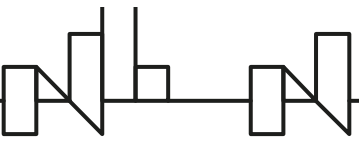
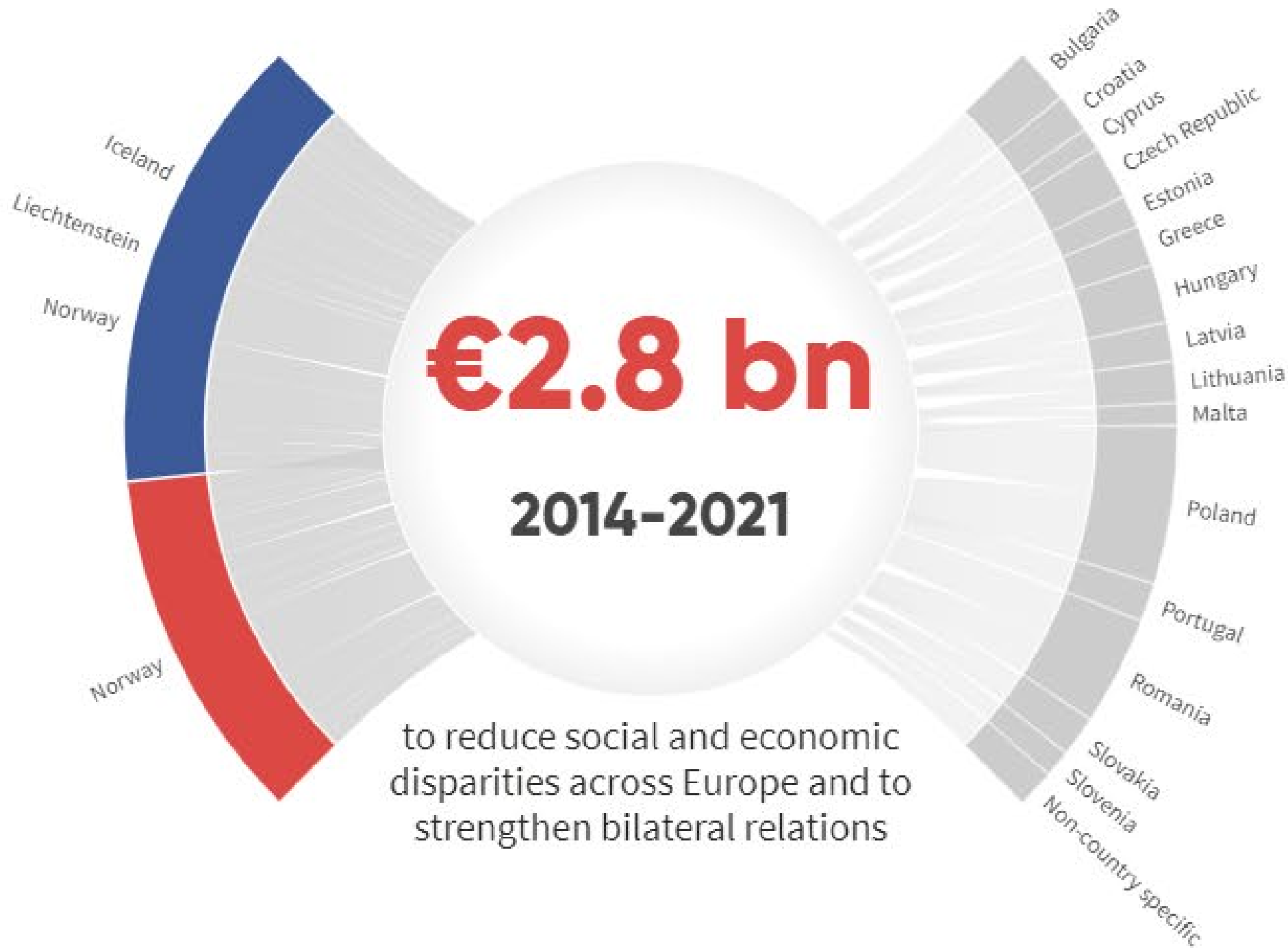
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FUNDING

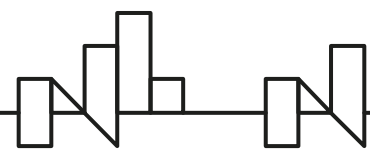
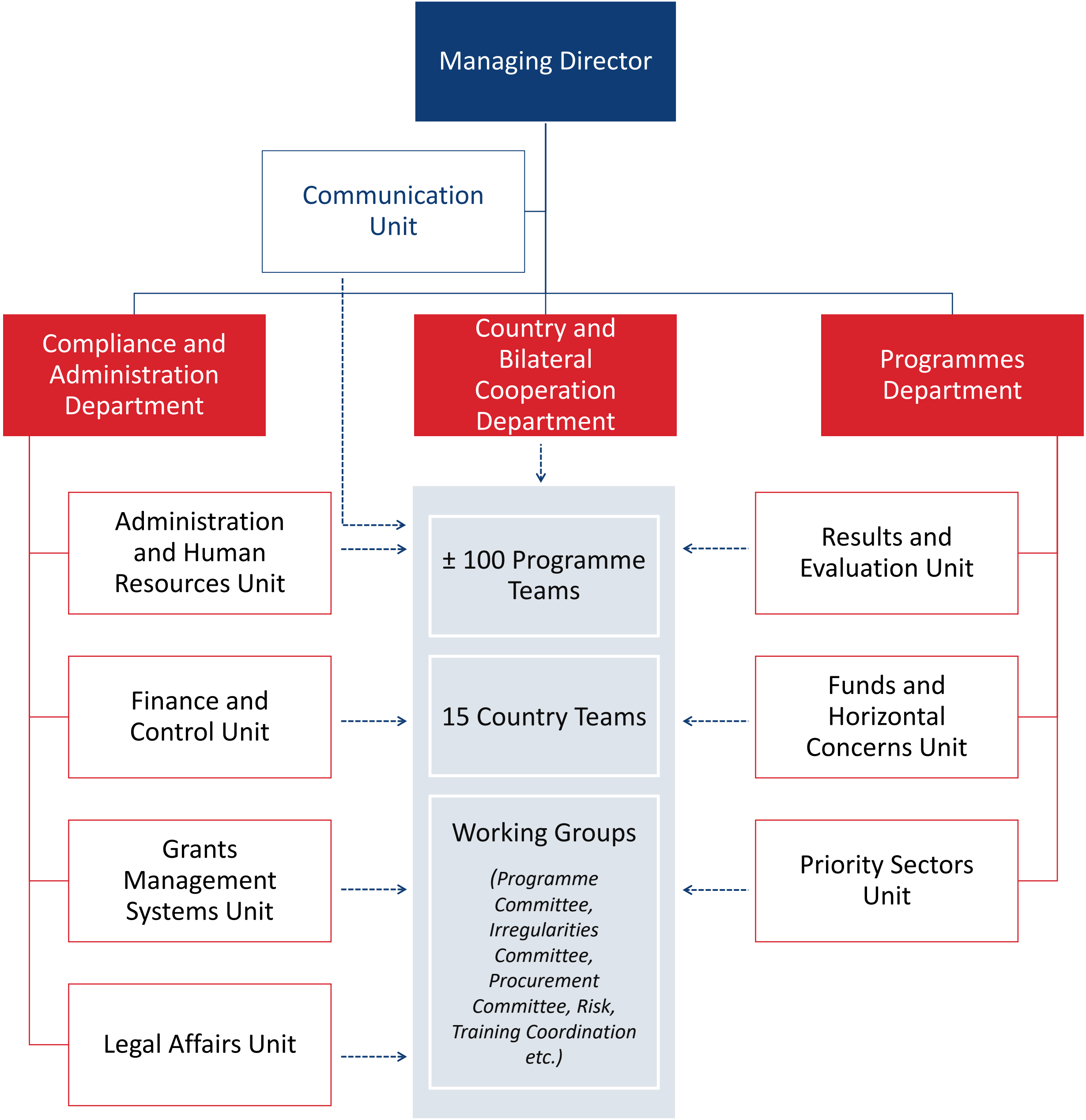
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PROJECTS

GLOBAL GOALS

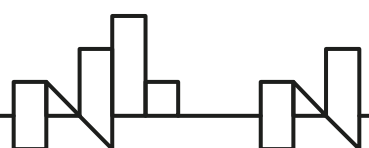


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Financial status

- **45% disbursed** to programmes, April 2022
- **24% incurred** at project level, April 2022
- **Forecasts**/annual disbursements:
Peak in 2023, high also in 2024





Report fraud and irregularities







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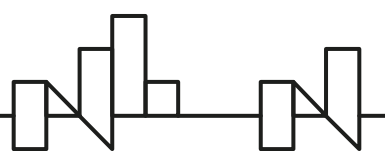
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Who can apply?

- National and local authorities
- Civil society organisations
- Private and public enterprises
- Research and educational institutions
- Social partners

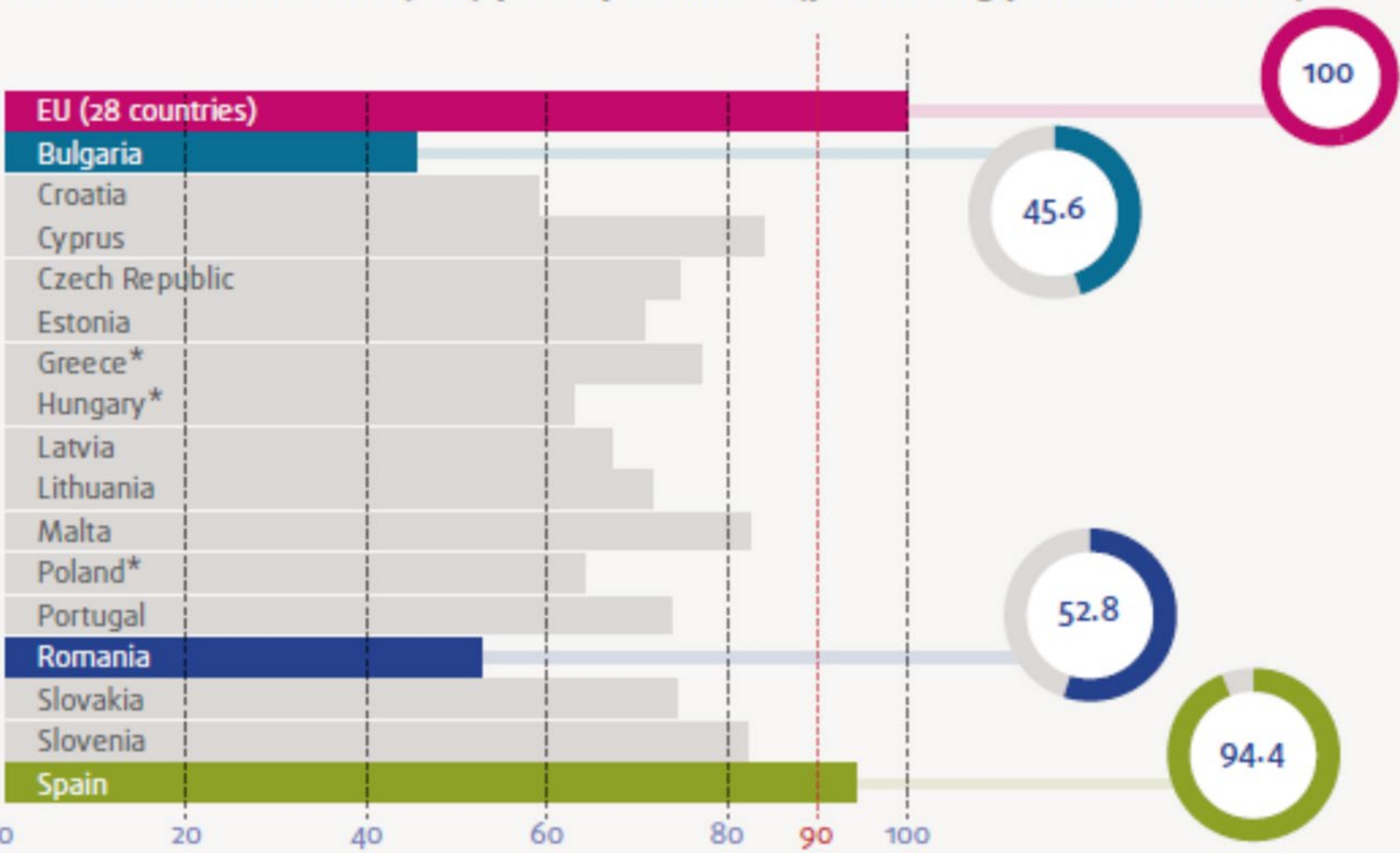


Eligibility criteria

Mirror EU
Cohesion Funds

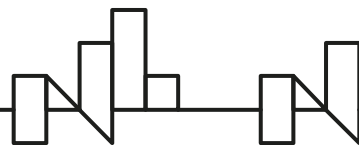
GNI less than 90%
of EU average

Gross National Income (GNI) per capita in PPS (purchasing power standards)

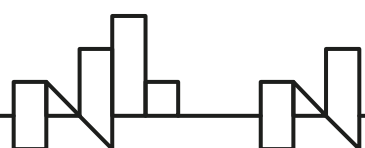


Eligibility for the Grants mirrors criteria set for the EU Cohesion Fund which is aimed at EU member countries where the GNI per capita is less than 90% of the EU average. Spain is only eligible for transitional funding in this current period.

Source: Eurostat (2013 except where * indicates 2012)



Result	Achievement	Target
Number of people engaged in civil society organisation activities	587,229	390,560
Share of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner	40%	37%
Number of researchers supported	2,111	2,247
Number of SMEs supported	409	1,120
Number of students educated in civic and human rights	7,220	25,270
Number of awareness raising campaigns carried out	281	1,106
Number of civil society organisations directly funded	996	4,384
Number of Roma reached by empowerment measures	3,789	21,850
Number of professional staff trained	9,875	88,400
Number of staff from beneficiary and donor states in exchanges	524	4,878
Number of jobs created	710	6,790
Number of peer-reviewed, scientific publications	44	529
Number of national policies and laws influenced	24	407
Number of people reached by awareness raising campaigns	1,090,923	22,496,520
Number of new products commercialised	3	90
Number of beneficiaries of services provided or improved	34,737	1,158,523
Number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors receiving services	98	3,750
Energy produced from renewable energy sources (in MWh/year)	51	118,205
Estimated annual CO2 emissions reductions	35	1,489,135



Donor Programme Partners

Donor Programme Partner	BG	CY	CZ	EE	GR	HR	LV	LT	MT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK
ICELAND National Energy Authority	●									●		●		
ICELAND Icelandic Centre for Research			●							●	●	●		
LIECHTENSTEIN National Agency for International Education Affairs			●	●			●	●		●		●	●	●
NORWAY Arts Council Norway	●		●				●	●		●	●	●		●
NORWAY Norwegian Barents Secretariat														●
NORWAY Norwegian Courts Administration	●					●		●				●		
NORWAY Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection										●		●		●
NORWAY Norwegian Institute of Public Health			●	●				●				●		
NORWAY Norwegian Directorate of Health				●						●		●		●
NORWAY Innovation Norway				●			●	●		●	●			●
NORWAY Directorate of Norwegian Correctional Service	●		●				●	●		●		●		
NORWAY Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities	●						●			●		●		



Donor Programme Partners, cont.

Donor Programme Partner	BG	HR	CY	CZ	EE	GR	HU	LV	LT	MT	PO	PT	RO	SK	SL
<small>NORWAY</small> Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud															
<small>NORWAY</small> Norwegian Environment Agency															
<small>NORWAY</small> Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security															
<small>NORWAY</small> Research Council of Norway															
<small>NORWAY</small> Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate															
<small>NORWAY</small> Norwegian National Police Directorate															
<small>NORWAY</small> Directorate for Cultural Heritage															
<small>NORWAY</small> Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills															
<small>NORWAY</small> Norwegian Directorate of Immigration															

International Partner Organisations

	BG	CY	CZ	EE	GR	HR	HU	LV	LT	MT	PO	PT	RO	SI	SK
Council of Europe	3		3			1		1	1				3		2
Fundamental Rights Agency			1		1										
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development					1						1				1

